Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A camera device comprising:

an optical system;

a driving unit which drives the optical system; and

a control unit which: (i) when the camera device is started up in a state in which a recording mode for photographing is set, ~~makes~~ controls the driving unit to start ~~driving of the optical system to a predetermined state by~~ an initialization of the optical system to drive the optical system to a predetermined state, before an interrupt processing of an operating system, and (ii) when the camera device is started up in a state in which a playback mode for display is set, controls the driving unit to suspend the initialization of the optical system ~~other initializations than the initialization of the optical system, when the camera device is started up in a state in which an operation mode for photographing is set~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The camera device according to claim 1, further comprising a memory which stores a control program for the camera device, ~~and~~ wherein the control unit reads a program for startup which is required for the initialization of the optical system from the memory, and reads a control program other than the program for startup from the memory after ~~making~~

causing the driving unit to start ~~driving~~ the initialization of the optical system ~~to the predetermined state~~ by an execution of the program for startup.

3. (Currently Amended) The camera device according to claim [[1]] 2, wherein the memory stores other control programs continuously after the program for startup.

4. (Original) The camera device according to claim 2, wherein the control unit reads the control program except for the program for startup from the memory without waiting for an end of the driving of the optical system to the predetermined state.

5. (Original) The camera device according to claim 4, wherein the memory stores other control programs continuously after the program for startup.

6. (Original) The camera device according to claim 1, wherein said optical system comprises a sinkable lens.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for starting a camera device comprising an optical system, the method comprising:

determining, when starting up the camera device, whether ~~or not the an operation~~ one of a recording mode for photographing and a playback mode for display is set; and

starting ~~driving of the optical system to a predetermined state by~~ an initialization of the optical system to drive the optical system to a predetermined state, before an interrupt processing of an operating system, ~~other initializations than the initialization of the optical system,~~ when it is determined that the ~~operation~~ recording mode for photographing is set, and suspending the initialization of the optical system when it is determined that the playback mode for display is set.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein said optical system comprises a sinkable lens.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium storing a computer program for a camera device comprising an optical system and a driving unit which drives the optical system, ~~the program being stored in a computer readable medium, and~~ the program being executable to cause the camera device to perform functions comprising:

determining, when starting up the camera device, whether ~~or not the an operation~~ one of a recording mode for photographing and a playback mode for display is set; and

starting ~~driving of the optical system to a predetermined state by~~ an initialization of the optical system to drive the optical system to a predetermined state, before an interrupt processing of an operating system, ~~other initializations than the initialization of the optical system,~~ when it is determined that the ~~operation~~ recording mode for photographing is set, and suspending the initialization of the optical system when it is determined that the playback mode for display is set.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer program~~ computer readable medium according to claim 9, wherein said optical system comprises a sinkable lens.